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ANNUAL REPORTS

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Town Officers.

Moderator,

JOSEPH C. A. WINGATE.

Town Clerk,

ALBERT C. LANE.

Selectmen,

MARK G. ROBERTS, LEVI BARKER,
GEORGE H. WIGGIN.

Treasurer,

ALBERT C. LANE.

Collector of Taxes,

J. FRED EMERY.

Highway Agents,

LORIN H. THOMPSON, HORACE J. WILLEY,
CHARLES J. BREWSTER.

Board of Education,

GEORGE A. WIGGIN, JOSEPH C. A. WINGATE,
HERBERT S. BARNARD.

Auditors,

RICHARD M. SCAMMON, GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

Supervisors,

JAMES C. PIPER, FRED W. SEVERANCE,
WILLARD G. PARKMAN.

Selectmen's Report.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount of money raised and appropriated at the annual town meeting, March, 1895 :

State tax,	$1,310 00	
County tax,	1,383 84	
School tax,	1,048 00	
Highway tax,	1,265 87	
Shingling school house in Division 3,	100 00	
Insurance on " " " 1,	40 00	
Extra school money,	100 00	
Decorating soldiers' graves,	25 00	
Copying second book town records,	150 00	
		$5,422 71

VALUATION.

Polls, 171,	$17,100 00	
Land and buildings, 9,037 acres,	373,577 00	
Horses, 301,	20,550 00	
Asses and mules, 3,	60 00	
Oxen, 21,	1,240 00	
Cows, 534,	12,260 00	
Other neat stock, 3,	95 00	
Sheep, 124,	313 00	
Carriages, 15,	1,210 00	
Stock in public funds,	20,876 00	
" corporations in state,	15,300 00	
" " out of state,	1,500 00	
Money on hand, at interest or deposit,	35,541 00	
Stock in trade,	3,500 00	
Mills,	3,027 00	
		$506,349 00
Town rate of taxation on $100,	$1 12	
District, " "	26	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS FEBRUARY 15, 1896.

George W. Dixon, note 4 per cent.,	$500 00	
Estimated outstanding bills,	350 00	
		$850 00

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Uncollected taxes of 1894,	$41 88	
" " " 1895,	212 78	
Note against J. T. Smart, due Jan. 1, 1897,	50 00	
Cash in hands of treasurer,	1,194 68	
		$1,499 34
Balance in favor of town,		$649 34

MARK G. ROBERTS,
LEVI BARKER,
GEORGE H. WIGGIN,
} Selectmen of Stratham.

Selectmen's Bills.

Town of Stratham to MARK G. ROBERTS, DR.

To writing Treasurer's, Collector's and Highway Agents' bonds, and delivering the same,	$2	00
Qualifying Highway Agents and certifying to Town Clerk,		50
Mar. 16, evening session,		50
18 and 19, preparing and distributing inventory blanks,	4	00
19, evening session,		50
examining Collector Leavitt's books,	2	00
30, jury meeting and meeting with Collector Leavitt and his bondsmen,	1	00
23, to Exeter to consult counsel and to Mr. Wiggin's and Mr. Barker's,	1	00
April 1, writing and posting notices of Selectmen's meeting,		50
16, 17 and 19, receiving inventory blanks and making assessment,	6	00
23, to Mr. Barker's and Mr. Wiggin's on town business,		50
24, to one day on Pine hill,	2	00
making return to Secretary of State,	3	00
May 1, posting scarlet fever notice,		50
4, to evening session,		50
to correspondence with Secretary of Board of Agriculture,		50
to making taxes and recording same,	10	00
to making out Collector's book,	3	00
26, to going to Livingston place,		50
27, to evening session,		50
31, to going to Exeter and Mr. Wiggin's,		50
to corresponding by telephone with the Superintendent of county farm in relation to Cornelius Ahern,	1	00

June 13,	to evening session,	$0 50
18,	to appointing Fenceviewers,	1 00
19,	to inspecting cattle and reporting to Cattle Commissioners,	1 00
July 27,	to evening session,	50
30,	to going to Mr. Andrews',	50
Aug. 5,	" " " Caverly's,	50
10,	" " " Barker's and Mr. Wiggin's and appointing constable,	1 00
Sept. 9 and 10,	to perambulating Greenland line,	4 00
Nov. 20,	to investigating cause of fire at Keniston place, and reporting the same,	1 00
Dec. 7,	to evening session,	50
13,	to going to Exeter on town business in regard to Ben White,	1 00
Jan. 3,	to Mr. Barker's and Mr. Brewster's on town business,	50
10 and 11,	to sending messages by telegraph and telephone in connection with the death of Cornelius Ahern,	3 00
12 and 13,	to examining town records, going to Mr. Leavitt's, Mr. Beal's and to Exeter to see County Commissioners,	2 00
15,	to making a final settlement with John Ahern,	1 00
	to settling with County Commissioners,	1 00
Feb. 1,	to one-half day session,	1 00
3,	to going to Mr. Leavitt's and Mr. Beal's,	1 00
8,	to one day in session,	2 00
14 and 15,	in session auditing,	4 00
	stationery and postage,	3 00
		$70 50

Town of Stratham to Levi Barker, Dr.

1895.

Mar. 16,	evening in session,	$0 50
30,	" "	1 00
April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,	taking inventory,	10 00

April 16,	receiving inventory blanks,	$2 00
17 and 19,	making assessments,	4 00
24,	examining wood lots on Pine hill,	2 00
May 4,	evening in session,	50
27,	" "	50
June 13,	" "	50
July 27,	" "	50
Sept. 9, and 10,	perambulating Stratham and Greenland line,	2 50
21,	evening in session,	50
Dec. 7,	" "	50
1896.		
Feb. 1,	one-half day in session,	1 00
14, 15,	auditing,	4 00
		$30 00

Town of Stratham to George H. Wiggin, Dr.

Mar. 16,	evening session,	$0 50
18 and 19,	preparing and delivering blanks,	4 00
19,	evening session,	50
30,	in session,	1 00
April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,	taking inventory,	10 00
16,	receiving inventory blanks,	2 00
17 and 19,	making assessments,	4 00
23,	to Mr. Lamprey's, Mr. Barker's and Mr. Robert's,	1 00
24,	examining wood lots on Pine hill,	2 00
May 4,	evening session,	50
27,	" "	50
June 13,	" "	50
July 27,	" "	50
Sept. 9,	perambulating Greenland line,	2 00
21,	evening session,	50
Dec. 7,	" "	50
Feb. 1,	half day in session,	1 00
8,	one " "	2 00
14,	" " "	2 00
15,	" " "	2 00
		$37 00

Collector's Report.

Account of Collector J. Fred Emery.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection:

State, County, Town, School and Highway tax,	$5,419 65	
Non resident tax,	283 40	
		$5,703 05

COLLECTOR EMERY'S DISCHARGE.

Paid Treasurer in cash,	$5,396 62	
Discount,	84 69	
Abatements,	8 96	
Uncollected taxes,	212 78	
		$5,703 05
Paid Treasurer interest on taxes paid after December 1, 1895,	$14 30	

Stratham, N. H., February 15, 1896.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector J. Fred Emery and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE A. WIGGIN, }
R. M. SCAMMON, } Auditors.

Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER LANE'S REPORT.

Balance in hands of Treasurer,	$941 37
Received of H. H. Leavitt,	928 63
of Collector J. Fred Emery,	5,396 62
" " Interest,	14 30
Railroad tax,	241 53
Savings bank tax,	959 36
Literary fund,	121 80
County Treasurer,	119 00
Dog licenses,	95 40
J. T. Smart and Geo. H. Odell,	255 43
Note of J. T. Smart,	50 00
Exeter Banking Co.,	500 00
John Ahern, in full of all demands,	135 00
School Treasurer,	22 40
State Treasurer for bounty,	2 25
Christian Society for use of town hall,	7 00
Temperance Division " "	5 85
	$9,795 94

TREASURER LANE'S DISCHARGE.

Paid R. M. Scammon, services as Auditor,	$3 00
Geo. A. Wiggin, " "	3 00
J. Fred Emery, " Supervisor,	6 00
W. G. Parkman, " "	6 00
J. W. Odell, medical services,	13 60
Susie Chadbourne Neal, services as member School Board, 1894,	6 00
J. W. Rollins, services as committee on copying early records,	7 00

Paid A. S. French, for clothing,	$8 50
J. R. Pettengill, "	2 19
Getchell & Taylor, A. K. pipe,	3 25
G. H. Smart, cash for tuning piano,	1 50
James W. Kelley, abatement,	1 59
S. Dame, for hens killed by dogs,	3 00
M. G. Roberts, service after auditing,	8 50
J. E. Stockbridge, 1 cord hard wood,	4 50
John Scammon, beef furnished Uri Lane's family while quarantined,	3 04
Ezra Barker, note with interest,	517 29
Geo. W. Dixon, interest on note,	50 00
" " use of watering trough, 1894,	3 00
James C. Piper, service Supervisor March and Nov.,	12 00
George A. Wiggin, note with interest,	520 00
" " exp. shingling school house Div. 3,	82 34
George H. Wiggin, service after auditing,	4 50
Perkins' Express Co.,	2 89
Levi Barker, service after auditing,	4 00
" " cash paid Frost & Lamphrey,	1 33
John Templeton, printing reports 1894,	32 00
" " " " 1895,	32 00
Wm. J. Breed, sheriff services in settlement of C. Ahern estate,	7 02
Gardner & Hilliard, paint for hall floors,	26 75
Geo. B. Wiggin, for labor painting hall floors,	5 25
H. J. Willey, decorating soldiers' graves,	8 50
Exeter Banking Co., note with interest,	506 25
Rockingham Co. Farm, C. Ahern board bill,	53 92
Edson C. Eastman, for blank books,	3 78
County tax,	1,383 84
H. J. Willey, labor on cemetery,	8 25
Wm. M. Drake, tuning town hall piano,	2 50
Eugene Horne, for hens killed by dogs,	17 00
Geo. A. Wiggin, insurance school house Div. 1 and supplies,	51 56
State tax,	1,310 00

Paid Benaiah Wiggin, labor basement hall,	$3 75
M. G. Roberts, running Greenland line, 1-2 costs,	4 00
" " 1 1-2 tons coal for town hall,	8 25
J. L. Philbrick, abatement,	1 12
Rockingham Co. Farm, C. Ahern board bill,	70 00
Mrs. Severance, abatement,	53
E. E. Babb, for school books and supplies,	18 02
F. P. Harvey, labor on Div. 1 school house,	2 25
Chas. W. Jones, for sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
Walter Andrews, for hens " "	7 50
J. Fred Emery, service as constable and witness fees,	7 61
in Joe Borero's case, and costs of court,	7 49
Geo. A. Wiggin, school supplies,	38 05
Daniel J. Wiggin, use of watering trough,	3 00
Heirs of Charles Lane, " "	3 00
Geo. H. Odell, for sundries,	5 27
Geo. A. Wiggin, services member School Board,	45 50
" " per order of Selectmen,	16 32
M. G. Roberts, services as Selectman,	70 50
Levi Barker, " "	30 00
Geo. H. Wiggin, " "	37 00
Albert C. Lane, services as Town Clerk and Treasurer,	50 00
" " " School Treasurer,	5 00
" " " School Clerk, 1894–1895,	10 00
" " " oil and supplies for town hall,	6 14
" " " receiving, recording and returning vital statistics and supplying information,	4 70
" " " depositing town money and justice service,	1 50
J. W. Odell, for medical services,	7 50
Geo. W. Dixon, note with interest,	728 31
" " for watering trough,	3 00
	$5,929 95

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Emmons Chase, for snow paths, 1895,	$82 99
" " balance due on highway,	5 78

Paid Frank Berry, labor on bridges,	$13 93
H. J. Willey, for snow paths,	31 30
L. H. Thompson, "	33 12
Road Agent, L. H. Thompson,	300 68
" H. J. Willey,	326 06
" Chas. J. Brewster,	301 45
Chas. J. Brewster, snow paths,	13 20
	$1,108 51

COUNTY POOR.

Paid A. C. Lane, goods delivered C. A. Mason,	$104 00
" " " " B. F. White family,	15 00
J. W. Odell, professional service Hiram Beal family,	25 00
Bertha Boreo, care Hiram Beal family,	13 00
Heirs of J. E. Odell, rent A. P. Smith house,	28 00
	$185 00

SCHOOLS.

Paid A. C. Lane, School Treasurer, for benefit of schools,	$1,377 80

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by the Treasurer,		$9,795 94
Paid outstanding demands and sundry expenses,	$5,929 95	
Highways and Bridges,	1,108 51	
County Poor,	185 00	
Schools,	1,377 80	
Balance,	1,194 68	
		$9,795 94

STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1896.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer Albert C. Lane, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance in his hands of eleven hundred and ninety-four dollars and sixty-eight cents.

GEORGE A. WIGGIN, }
R. M. SCAMMON, } Auditors.

Reports of Highway Agents.

E. B. Chase, Breaking Roads after auditing, 1895.

DR.

Received from Town Treasurer,	$40 38

CR.

Paid E. B. Chase, breaking roads,	$8 00
W. L. and C. W. Dining,	90
A. N. Rollins,	45
B. S. Jenness,	2 25
G. W. Parkman,	4 80
S. Dame,	12 70
J. W. Rollins,	2 45
J. S. Scammon,	95
F. H. Brewster,	1 95
C. J. Brewster,	4 50
J. Merrill,	1 43
	$40 38

Town of Stratham to Charles J. Brewster, Dr.

Breaking Roads, 1895.

Paid Charles J. Brewster, 20 hours at 20c.,	$4 00
Charles J. Brewster, 5 hours with horse, at 10c.,	50
Sylvester Dame, 20 1-2 hours at 15c.,	3 08
Sylvester Dame, 5 1-2 hours with team at 20c.,	1 10
John S. Scammon, 4 hours at 15c.,	60
George Parkman, 10 hours at 15c.,	1 50
Hosea Tuttle, 2 1-2 hours at 15c.,	37
George R. Brewster, 4 hours with team at 40c.,	1 60
Charlie Lane, 3 hours at 15c.,	45
	$13 20

Labor on Highway, 1895.

Paid Charles J. Brewster, 250 1-2 hours at 20c.,	$50 10
Charles J. Brewster, 244 1-2 hours with horse and cart at 15c.,	36 67
George Odell, for shovels,	1 40
George Odell, for spikes and rails,	2 19
for tile,	3 98
John S. Scammon, 206 1-2 hours at 15c.,	30 98
John S. Scammon, 188 1-2 hours for horse at 10c.,	18 85
George R. Brewster, 106 1-2 hours with team at 40c.,	42 60
George R. Brewster, use of plough,	1 50
George R. Brewster, 30 hours for cart at 5c.,	1 50
George W. Bowley, 67 hours with team at 40c.,	26 80
James Berry, 67 1-2 hours at 15c.,	10 13
Sylvester Dame, 30 hours with team at 40c.,	12 00
Sylvester Dame, 30 hours for man at 15c.,	4 50
Emmons B. Chase, 40 hours with team, at 40c.,	16 00
Emmons B. Chase, 5 hours for horse at 20c.,	1 00
William Wentworth, 50 hours at 15c.,	7 50
Hosea Tuttle, 127 hours at 15 c.,	19 05
Charles Grant, 21 hours at 15c.,	3 15
Frank Rundlett, 44 hours at 15c.,	6 60
Hilton Wiggin, 10 hours at 15c.,	1 50
Jesse Merrill, 9 hours at 15c.,	1 35
John S. Brewster, 7 hours at 15 c.,	1 05
George Bowley, 7 hours at 15c.,	1 05
	$314 65

Report of H. J. Willey.

Bills Paid after Auditing, 1894-95, Breaking Roads.

1895.

Paid F. V. Chapman,	$1 50
Levi Barker,	2 00
Ralph Barker,	3 00
Geo. L. Barker,	2 40
J. O. Wiggin, Jr.,	2 25

Paid F. E. Berry,	$4 95
Printic L. Wiggin,	2 10
Beecher Smith,	75
George F. Hodgdon,	60
H. J. Willey,	5 95
A. H. Cragg,	1 65
N. P. Young,	30
A. H. Cragg,	4 80
	$32 25

LABOR ON HIGHWAY, 1895.

Received from the Town Treasurer,	$326 02

CR.

Paid Otis B. French,	$33 80
F. V. Chapman,	8 00
D. C. Chapman,	4 20
George A. Tuck,	6 75
Thomas Boardman,	6 60
A. H. Thompson,	7 20
J. T. Roby,	8 25
G. A. Thompson,	24 75
Asa J. Chapman,	10 45
C. W. Scott,	4 00
D. C. Chapman,	5 25
Getchell & Taylor, drain pipe,	3 50
Thomas Boardman,	3 00
B. F. Witham,	7 80
C. W. Scott,	9 00
C. H. Thompson,	15 00
George W. Dixon,	14 67
George E. Gowen, bridge plank,	2 54
F. V. Chapman,	14 00
J. O. Wiggin,	13 50
George A. Tuck,	9 60
Samuel Rand,	9 95
George A. Tuck,	7 95

Paid A. H. Cragg,	$6 45
F. V. Chapman,	11 50
H. J. Willey,	2 20
Fred L. Jewell,	1 10
George A. Tuck,	6 75
H. J. Willey,	68 00
Levi Barker,	80
	$326 36

Town of Stratham, to L. H. Thompson, Dr.

Breaking Roads.

Paid L. H. Thompson, 25 hours at 20c.,	$5 00
L. H. Thompson, team 12 hours at 40c.,	4 80
Jerry Jones, 12 hours at 15c.,	1 80
C. E. Pickering, 10 hours at 15c.,	1 50
F. P. Harvey, 24 1-2 hours at 20c.,	4 90
Mr. Fowler, 5 hours at 15c.,	75
George Pratt, 13 hours at 15c.,	1 95
George Kelly, 5 hours at 15c.,	75
Stewart Spurr, 15 hours at 15c.,	2 25
Michael Spurr, 29 hours at 15c.,	4 35
L. D. Douty, 4 hours at 15c.,	60
L. D. Douty, team 2 hours at 40c.,	80
W. L. Barker, 4 hours at 15c.,	60
E. Cooper, 4 1-2 hours at 15c.,	67
A. H. Otis, team 6 hours at 40c.,	2 40
	$33 12

For Making Summer Road.

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Paid L. H. Thompson, 139 1-2 hours at 20c.,	$27 90
Balance after auditing,	2 78
Poles for bridge,	1 00
Plow point,	75
Tile and going to Exeter for tile,	8 10

Paid L. H. Thompson, team 125 1-2 hours at 40c.,	$50 20
A. H. Otis, team, 98 1-4 hours at 40c.,	39 30
George Chase, team 10 hours at 40c.,	4 00
A. A. Haven, team 70 hours at 40c.,	28 00
Henry Jewell, team 15 hours at 40c.,	6 00
Oscar Spurr, 20 hours at 15c.,	3 00
George Pratt, 130 hours at 15c.,	19 50
Samuel Rand, 35 hours at 15c.,	5 25
J. F. Hackett, iron work,	50
B. F. Witham, 206 3-4 hours at 15c.,	31 00
Jerry Jones, 187 hours at 15c.,	28 05
J. S. Wiggin, for poles,	75
W. J. Andrews, 61 hours at 15c.,	9 15
Michael Spurr, 80 hours at 15c.,	12 00
C. E. Pickering, 23 hours at 15c.,	3 45
Geo. A. Wiggin, hauling and spreading 50 loads of gravel at 40c. per load	20 00
	$393 58

DR.

Received from Town Treasurer,	$326 70

Annual Report of the Board of Education

OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM.

ORGANIZATION.

George A. Wiggin, ... Chairman.
J. C. A. Wingate, ... Secretary.
Herbert S. Barnard.

CALENDAR.

Spring term, ... April 18 to June 28.
Fall term, . . September 3 to November 15.
Winter term, . . December 2 to January 31.

TEACHERS.

Division No. 1.

Miss Anna E. Thompson, of Stratham, N. H.

Division No. 2.

Miss Caroline S. Thompson, of Epping, N. H.; Miss Esther A. Bradley, of Cornish, Me.

Division No. 3.

Miss Margie P. Green, of Exeter, N. H.; Miss Ida M. Slack, of North Abington, Mass.

Division No. 4.

Miss Grace E. Gowen, of Stratham, N. H.

DIVISION NO. 1.

Miss Anna E. Thompson has with energy and success prosecuted her work in this school throughout the year, in view of which we can reaffirm the commendations she has already received, as an efficient, faithful teacher.

For excellence in penmanship this school excelled, and it is creditable alike to teacher and pupils that the writing books were models of neatness, showing that special attention had been given to this important but somewhat neglected branch.

DIVISION NO. 2.

Spring term taught by Miss Caroline S. Thompson, a graduate of Tilton Seminary, and a teacher with three years' experience.

Rarely has it been our good fortune to place in our schools a lady possessing more refinement of mind and heart.

No teacher could manifest a more earnest desire faithfully to perform every duty, not only in instructing those under her charge in the definite lines of study, but to aid them in every possible way to form a noble character. We are sorry to say her efforts were not appreciated on the part of some who took advantage of her amiable disposition. At the end of the spring term she resigned her position.

Miss Esther A. Bradley, a teacher having previous experience in our town schools, was engaged for fall and winter terms.

Under her administration the necessity of prompt and unquestioning obedience, a subject of the utmost importance in this school, was soon taught the pupils, and they were inspired to improve their manners and develop their minds; in fact, to do their best.

We have never visited a schoolroom where the change and progress has been more marked, thus demonstrating the fact that obedience to lawful authority must be secured by teachers if our schools are to attain their greatest usefulness.

DIVISION NO. 3.

Miss Margie P. Green was placed in charge at the beginning of the spring term, and brought to this school the same affable man-

ner of governing and unreserved personal interest in her pupils which had proved a strong element in her popularity and success during the thirteen terms taught in Division 4.

Her good scholarship enabled her to render ready assistance to the more advanced, and she speedily gained the good will and affection of the school.

A commendable amount of work was accomplished, but much to the surprise of the Board of Education and regret of her pupils, she closed her connection with the school at the end of the fall term.

Miss Ida M. Slack taught the winter term with her accustomed skill, being as capable, alert, systematic and successful as in previous terms. The pupils were as enthusiastic and faithful, and the classes manifested the same proficiency and progress as under her guidance last year. No one can question the expediency of continuing this school under the same management.

DIVISION NO. 4.

A winter term was taught by Miss Grace E. Gowen, a graduate of the Salem Normal School, who proved herself in every way qualified to advance the education of those under her care.

Her methods are in keeping with the demands of the times, and by making her instruction practical, broad, complete, she developed the best in each pupil.

A good type of order has prevailed, and the quality and amount of work accomplished merited our approval.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It is gratifying to report, at the close of the year, an improvement in our schools.

They have been for the most part under the instruction of teachers who realized the importance of the responsibility resting upon them.

Actuated by a regard for their profession, and encouraged by appreciative kindly parents, and earnest, faithful pupils, they have given to our schools a character which, we think, will compare favorably with any in the past.

Teachers may differ widely in their personal characteristics, as well as their methods of instruction, and yet be equally successful. It is also true that, all other things being equal, the teacher who has been carefully instructed in the best methods and has received the most thorough training, will excel in her school work.

At the beginning of the year we considered the importance of placing the right teacher in the right place, knowing that there are those who might succeed in some schools, while they would fail in others.

We have also come to believe with that noted educator, Horace Mann, that "The dearest of all earthly things is a cheap teacher," and therefore have endeavored to retain the services of those who possessed progressive ideas and who proved successful in their positions.

Again in our report we would call attention to the fact that the incidental teaching of morals is of more importance than formal teaching of regular studies, for "Character is above mere intelligence."

On account of the limited number of pupils in Division 4, it was thought advisable by the Board of Education to close that school during the summer months, believing that better results would be obtained by conveying pupils to Division 1.

By so doing over a dollar a day was saved, while the children gained a fresh impetus for study from their daily contact with a larger number of students.

We notice by educational journals that the subject of music is receiving additional attention in the schools throughout the country, and feel assured that if something in the way of systematic instruction in this branch was introduced into our schools it would be of inestimable value.

All school houses are needing repairs, at an estimated cost of not less than $150.00.

GEORGE A. WIGGIN,

For Board of Education.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DIVISION NO. 1.

Not absent or tardy during two terms, 5—George W. Berry, John W. Cooper, Ralph D. Parkman, Ruth M. Parkman, Lottie G. Smart.

Not absent or tardy during one term, 9—Arthur B. Cushman, Lucy E. Gordon, Abbott U. Lane, Mary A. Lane, Howard M. Wiggin, Marion A. Wiggin, Roy R. Wiggin, William C. Wright, Norman E. Tuttle.

DIVISION NO. 2.

Not absent or tardy during two terms, 1—Lila P. Chase.

Not absent or tardy during one term, 6—Nellie Adams, Arnold Leavitt, Rosalie Littlefield, Carrie Rand, Sarah S. Rand, Everett S. Trefethen.

DIVISION NO. 3.

Not absent or tardy during the year, 3—Charles E. Jewell, Cora R Jewell, Ralph L. Jewell.

Not absent or tardy during two terms, 6—Leeland Brown, Maud Chapman, Arthur G. Gowen, Howard R. Gowen, Evelyn M. Thompson, Elmer R. Wiggin.

Not absent or tardy during one term, 11—Cora Chapman, George Chapman, Warren Chapman, Russell Chapman, Maud French, Susie French, Bennie Gowen, Bertha Gowen, Arthur H. Jewell, Percy Jewell, Nettie Wiggin.

DIVISION NO 4.

Not absent or tardy during one term, 1—Wilfred Batchelder.

TEXT BOOKS USED.

New Normal Reader, Buckwalter's Speller, Business Standard Copy Book, Greenleaf's Arithmetic, Harper's Geography, Barnes' History, Raub's Grammar, Smith's Physiology, Robinson's Algebra, Bartholomew's Drawing.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Divisions.	1	2	3	4	Total.
No. of weeks in spring term	12	12	12		36
" fall term	11	11	11		33
" winter term	9	9	9	9	36
No. of pupils registered in spring term	35	42	40		117
" " fall term	29	32	43		114
" " winter term	21	27	41	11	100
Average daily attendance in spring term	30	30	34		94
" " fall term	27	26	39		92
" " winter term	19	23	34	10	96
Percentage of attendance for the year	.95	.90	.94	.90	.92
No. visits by members Board of Education	15	9	9	3	36
" citizens and others	105	67	111	8	291
Wages of teacher in spring term	$36	$36	$40		
" fall term	$40	$40	$44		
" winter term	$40	$40	$44	$32	
No. of pupils not absent spring term	8	2	9		19
" " fall term	6	3	14		23
" " winter term	5	3	9	1	18
" " during the year	0	0	3	0	3
No. of pupils in Reading during year	35	42	43	11	131
" Spelling "	35	42	43	11	131
" Penmanship "	35	42	43	11	131
" Arithmetic "	35	42	43	11	131
" Geography "	24	25	39	11	99
" Grammar "	22	17	25	8	72
" History "	12	18	10	8	48
" Physiology "	14	12	16	3	75
" Algebra, "	2	4	5	3	14
" Drawing "			16	2	18
" Composition "	22	24	16	8	70

Number children enumerated by School Board, 142. Boys, 66; Girls, 76.

TREASURER'S REPORT EOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1896.

Report of Treasurer A. C. Lane.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Received from J. C. A. Wingate,	$50 71
School money raised by town,	1048 00
Income from literary fund,	121 80
" " dog licenses,	108 00
Money raised by district,	100 00
	$1,428 51

TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

March		John Lane,	$4 00
		George H. Kelley	3 00
		Charles Dining,	2 75
		Bertha Gowen,	3 00
		James Nixon,	3 00
April		Margie P. Green,	72 00
June	28,	Edwin J. Barrett,	44 25
	25,	Caroline S. Thompson,	108 00
	28,	Charles H. Thompson,	107 00
	28,	Margie P. Green,	132 00
	28,	Anna E. Thompson,	108 00
Nov.	4,	Margie P. Green,	110 00
	13,	Anna E. Thompson,	110 00
	13,	Esther A. Bradley,	110 00
	15,	Edwin J. Barrett,	40 50
	15,	John W. Cooper,	2 75
	15,	Bertha E. Gowen,	2 75
	15,	Arthur Cooper,	1 00
	15,	Everett Trefethen,	1 00
	15,	Richard Otis,	25
Jan.	17,	Charles Thompson,	70 50
	27,	Grace E. Gowen,	72 00
	27,	Esther A. Bradley,	90 00

Jan. 27,	Anna E. Thompson,	$90 00	
29,	Ida M. Slack,	99 00	
29,	Charles Dining,	4 50	
29,	Everett Trefethen,	4 50	
29,	Roy Wiggin,	4 50	
29,	Bertha Gowen,	4 50	
29,	Town Treasurer, overdraft, 1895,	22 40	
			$1,427 15

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by Treasurer,		$1,428 51
Paid teachers' salaries,	$1,101 00	
Janitors,	41 50	
Conveying pupils,	84 75	
Wood,	177 50	
Overdraft,	22 40	
Balance on hand,	1 36	
		$1,428 51

STRATHAM, N. H., February 15, 1896.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer A. C. Lane and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance of one dollar and thirty-six cents.

R. M. SCAMMON,
GEORGE A. WIGGIN, } Auditors.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1895.

Date 1895.		Name of Child (if any)	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Feb.	1	Eltha May,	F	1	L	George Pratt,	Martha B. Jones,	Canaan,	Stratham.
	10	Bertha Alice,	"	5	"	DeWitt Chapman,	Carrie C. Trefethen,	Stratham,	So. Boston, Ms.
Mar.	8	Daniel H.,	M	6	"	Cerrello A. Rand,	Edna L. Hodgdon,	Exeter,	Stratham.
	17	Marianna,	F	3	"	John Scammon, Jr.,	Mary G. Dixey,	Stratham,	Massachusetts.
June	7	Hattie Myrtle,	"	2	"	Charles J. Brewster,	Hattie Warsaw,	Stratham,	Portsmouth.
	11	Arthur W.,	M	2	"	Wm. S. Morse,	Fannie Dixon,	Kittery, Me.,	Kittery, Me.
	17	Bertha E.,	F	2	"	Melvin D. Stickney,	Emma F. Dean,	Kingston,	Nottingham.
July	5	Eunice,	"	9	"	Uri A. Lane,	Addie J. Palmer,	North Hampton,	Hampton.
	5	Grover Newton,	M	3	"	Edgar N. Smith,	Amy W. Smith,	Saco, Me.,	Stratham.
	20		F	1	S	Frank L. Tuttle,	Annie A. Tuck,	Stratham,	Kensington.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1895.

Date 1895.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Conditions.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Mar. 7	Stratham,	Charles F. Thomas, Ethel J. Robinson,	35 14	W "	Duxbury, Stratham,	William H. Thomas, Jennie E. Smart, Ai Robinson, Hannah Ryder,	1st, "	H. ~~M.~~ Wiggin, Clergyman.
Apr. 11	Stratham,	Daniel H. Hodgdon, Alma D. Hanley,	26 29	" "	Stratham, Kittery, Me.,	Daniel Hodgdon, Michael Hanley, Nellie Dixon, Sarah Prior,	1st, "	H. ~~M.~~ Wiggin, Clergyman.
13	Stratham,	Hiram G. Martin, Isabell Gale,	28 30	" "	Hebron, Manchester,	Albert H. Martin, James E. Odell, Maria M., Sarah H.,	1st, 2d,	Geo. A. Foss, Clergyman.
Sept. 21	Stratham,	John F. Smart, Etta J. Taylor,	44 37	" "	Raymond, Stratham,	John H. Smart, Thomas W. Taylor, Eliza Cleves, Sarah E. Randall,	1st, 2d,	J. H. Mugridge, Clergyman.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1895.

Date 1895.		Name and surname of deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
Jan.	23	Mary A. Gowen,	42	11	21	W. Newbury,				Lewis Smith,	Rhoda Parker.
	28	Samuel C. Dixon,	74	3	20	Kittery,				Thos. Dixon,	Martha Hatch.
Feb.	27	Hepsabeth Staples,	84	5	22	~~Ireland,~~					
Mar.	5	Delta L. Smith,	0	7	15	Stratham,				Harry V. Smith,	Mabel O. West.
	14	Charles F. Piper,	0	5	5	Stratham,				James C. Piper,	Olive J. Young.
Apr.	25	Sarah L. Young,	32	2	18	Stratham,				Mark F. Young,	Olive L. Piper.
May	4	Elisha Chase,	83	1	2	Stratham,				Elisha Chase,	Elizabeth.
July	20	——— Tuttle,				Stratham,				Frank L. Tuttle,	Annie A. Tuck.

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